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1. POUCHED COPIES OF ED/EC/77/2 HAVE JUST BEEN RECEIVED
IN WASHINGTON AND HAVE AROUSED CONCERN THAT IT HAS
BEEN PUBLISHED WITHOUT A SECURITY CLASSIFICATION.
PRELIMINARY REVIEW INDICATES THAT DESPITE REASSURANCES
IN PARA 2 REFTTEL A, THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS MATERIAL
WHICH US FEELS SHOULD HAVE REMAINED CLASSIFIED. ALSO,
IT APPEARS TO CONTAIN SOME CLASSIFIED COMMENTS NOT
CONTAINED IN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT (AC/127-WP/489) ON WHICH US
EXPERTS COMMENTED.

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2. USG EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE OVERSIGHT IN
PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT AS UNCLASSIFIED PAPER WILL
AFFECT WILLINGNESS OF NATIONAL EXPERTS TO SPEAK OPENLY AND
SHARE INFORMATION FREELY IN ECONADS MEETINGS. THE
INCIDENT REINFORCES USG POSITION REQUIRING NATIONAL
REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO DECLASSIFICATION.

3. US EXPERTS ARE REVIEWING ED/EC/77/2 AND WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FYI: BRITISH EXPERT WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OSR. WE HOPE TO PROVIDE USG COMMENTS (AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH UK EXPERT) IN TIME FOR FEB 3 ECONADS MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: US ECONAD SHOULD:

A) REQUEST THAT, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE CLASSIFY THE SUBJECT DOCUMENT AND NOTIFY ALL RECIPIENTS OF ITS RECLASSIFICATION, AND AT JAN. 27 MEETING:

B) RESERVE OUR APPROVAL OF DECLASSIFICATION PENDING COMPLETION OF USG REVIEW.

C) RESTATE USG POSITION THAT NATIONAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED ECONADS STUDIES MUST PRECEDE UNCLASSIFIED PUBLICATION.
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